

"A Chosen Generation"

Lesson 43

Introduction

- ◆ As spirit children of our Heavenly Father, what is our potential?
- ◆ How should the knowledge of our divine potential influence the way we live?

1. Live in faith and holiness as a chosen generation. (1 Peter 1 and 2:1–10.)

- ◆ What did Peter teach in chapter 1 about the mission of Jesus Christ? (1 Peter 1:3–4, 18–21.)
- ◆ How should knowing of the Savior's mission and sacrifice affect our daily actions? (1 Peter 1:8, 13–16, 22–23; 2:5. You may list class members' responses on the board.)
- ◆ Why is faith "much more precious than ... gold," as Peter stated? (1 Peter 1:7; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Nephi 7:12.)
- ◆ What do you think it means to have our faith tried with fire?
- ◆ What is the ultimate purpose of our faith? (1 Peter 1:5, 9.)
- ◆ What did Peter teach that the prophets who testify of Jesus Christ have done? (1 Peter 1:10; verse 1 Peter 1:11.)
- ◆ How can diligent prayer and scripture study strengthen our testimonies of the Savior?
- ◆ Who is the chosen generation that Peter spoke of? (1 Peter 2:9–10.)
- ◆ What is our responsibility as a chosen generation? (1 Peter 2:9.)
- ◆ How can we fulfill this responsibility? (Matthew 5:16.)

2. Follow the Savior's example in enduring trials and persecution. (1 Peter 2:19–24; 3:13–17; 4:12–19).

- ◆ Peter wrote that "Christ ... suffered for us, leaving us an example" What was his example? (1 Peter 2:21.)
- ◆ What can we do to follow the Savior's example in responding to trials and persecution? (1 Peter 2:19–23.)
- ◆ What examples have you seen of people who are Christlike in enduring trials?
- ◆ How are we blessed as we follow the Savior's example in responding to trials?
- ◆ When have you (or someone you know) been persecuted for doing the Lord's will?
- ◆ How did Peter counsel us to respond in such circumstances? (1 Peter 3:13–17; 4:12–19. You may list class members' responses on the chalkboard.)



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- ◆ In what ways do trials give us an opportunity to draw closer to the Lord and to glorify him?

3. Partake of the divine nature and strive to make your calling and election sure. (2 Peter 1.)

- ◆ Which attributes did Peter describe as part of divine nature? (2 Peter 1:4–7)
- ◆ Why is it important that we develop these qualities? (2 Peter 1:8.)
- ◆ How have you seen these attributes demonstrated by others?
- ◆ What did Peter exhort the Saints to "give diligence to in 2 Peter 1:10?
- ◆ What does it mean to make your calling and election sure? ([D&C 131:5]. Doctrine and Covenants 132:49.)
- ◆ What must we do to have our calling and election made sure?

4. Resist false teachers and those who deny the Second Coming. (2 Peter 2–3 and Jude.)

- ◆ Who did Peter and Jude warn would be among the members of the Church?
- ◆ What did they say were some characteristics of false teachers? (2 Peter 2:1–3, 10, 12–19; Jude 1:4, 8, 10–13, 16, 18–19.)
- ◆ How can we recognize false teachers today?
- ◆ What counsel did Peter and Jude give that can help us avoid false teachings and remain faithful as we prepare for the Second Coming? (2 Peter 3:11–14, 17–18; Jude 1:3, 20–21; Moroni 7:12–17; D&C 45:57; 46:7–8.)

5. Additional Teachings of 1 Peter

- ◆ In 1 Peter 1, what contrasts did Peter make between what is corruptible or perishable and what is incorruptible or everlasting? (1 Peter 1:4, 7, 18–19, 23–25. List responses on board under: **Corruptible or Perishable** and **Incorruptible or Everlasting**.)

- ◆ What can we learn from these contrasts?

- ◆ Peter taught that Jesus was "foreordained before the foundation of the world" to be the Savior (1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8). Why is this truth important?
- ◆ What do scriptures revealed in the latter days add to our understanding of the Savior's foreordination? (Moses 4:1–4; Abraham 3:27–28.)
- ◆ What counsel did Peter give about the laws of the land? (1 Peter 2:13–15.)
- ◆ What counsel has the Lord revealed in the latter days about the laws of the land? (D&C 58:21–22; 98:4–10; 134:5; Articles of Faith 1:12.)
- ◆ What did Peter teach about the work of preaching the gospel to the dead? (1 Peter 3:18–20; 4:6.)
- ◆ When did Jesus go to the spirit world to organize the preaching of the gospel among the dead? (D&C 138:27.)
- ◆ Why did he do this? (D&C 138:29–37.)
- ◆ What does the Savior's ministry in the spirit world reveal about God's work?

- ◆ What counsel did Peter give Church leaders in 1 Peter 5:1–4?
- ◆ How can Church leaders "feed the flock of God"? (1 Peter 5:2; 2 Peter 1:12–15; D&C 42:12–14.)
- ◆ How have you been blessed by Church leaders who have followed this counsel?

6. "No ... scripture is of any private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20)

- ◆ What did Peter teach in these verses about the source of the scriptures? (2 Peter 1:20–21)
- ◆ What did Peter teach about interpreting the scriptures?
- ◆ How can we ensure that we interpret scriptures correctly?
- ◆ How have the teachings of Church leaders or the guidance of the Spirit helped you understand a particular scripture?